# CITY OF CHARLESTON/PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECTS WEST ASHLEY 2015 - 2018



# CAPITAL PROJECTS (BUILDINGS)

- Carolina Bay Fire Station 14 construction will be completed by the end of 2017.
- Fire Station 11 on Savannah Hwy next to the Charleston 9 Memorial is in design and construction should begin late 2017/early 2018.
- Charleston Police Department Team 4 office and police training facility on Mary Ader Drive was completed summer 2017.
- Deming Park community center building in the Maryville/Ashleyville neighborhood received new windows summer 2017; additional maintenance to spruce up the building will be completed in the near future.
- Waring Senior Center on Henry Tecklenburg Drive is under construction.



### **PARKS**

- Randolph Park in the Stono Park neighborhood received new playground equipment spring 2017.
- Lenevar Park in the Lenevar neighborhood will receive new playground equipment fall 2017.
- Bender Street Park in the Maryville/Ashleyville neighborhood was cleaned of debris and overgrowth. The design contract for the park improvements was approved summer 2017 and the Parks Department will be scheduling public input meetings for fall 2017/2018.
- The WPAL property on Wappoo Rd was purchased in 2015/2016 to provide additional public access to the Stono River. No improvement plans to date. Public realm landscaping improvements throughout West Ashley were made 2016-2017. These improvements include: Hwy 61/171 split medians, Hwy 61/Woodward Rd medians, Hwy 17/Albemarle Rd medians, Northbridge medians, and Folly Rd/Wesley Dr medians.
- West Ashley Greenway paving improvements from Parkdale Dr to Croghan Landing Dr began summer 2017. Greenway improvements from Stinson Dr to Parkdale Dr should start fall 2017. Improvements should be completed within 6-8 months. The West Ashley Greenway/Bikeway will undergo a master planning process, which should kick-off fall 2017/winter 2018. The Parks Department is working with Charleston Parks Conservancy in this effort.



### **STORMWATER**

- The Forest Acres drainage project is underway. The 5th Ave culvert was recently improved and the street was reopened summer 2017; the remaining project will take approximately 12-18 months. This drainage project will also include improvements to the West Ashley Bikeway.
- The Dupont Wappoo drainage basin study, which was recommended in the Dupont Wappoo Community Plan, kicked off summer 2017. Crews are in the field surveying infrastructure, looking for issues, etc. The completed study and recommendations should be available mid-2018. The need for drainage improvements and construction will be determined by the study and will need subsequent funding.
- The Church Creek drainage basin study began summer 2017. The purpose of the study is to review the stormwater analysis of the basin and make recommendations for additional development standards, policies and physical infrastructure improvements that could be implemented to reduce the risk of flooding and property damage due to flooding in the basin.
- The Heathwood Drive drainage improvements are underway and include installing new stormwater pipes, inlets, and utility relocations to better alleviate drainage issues in the area. The project should be completed by the end of 2017.

## TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY



### PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS

- West Ashley Greenway and West Ashley Bikeway connection improvements received federal/CHATS grant funding in spring 2017. This project will take a few years to plan, design, and build.
- Sycamore Ave/Magnolia Rd sidewalk completion (TST 2018\*) will include approximately 100 linear feet of a new 5ft sidewalk along the north/west side of Sycamore Ave to tie into the existing sidewalk. This pedestrian path connects neighborhoods to park space, work space, commercial areas, and the West Ashley Farmers Market.
- Orleans Rd sidewalk connections (TST 2018\*) will provide new sidewalk connections.
- Carriage Ln sidewalk from Ashley River Rd to Old Towne Rd (TST 2018\*) will include a new 5ft sidewalk on one side of the street.
- Markfield Dr sidewalk completion (TST 2018\*) will connect the existing sidewalk to the West Ashley Greenway. This is a carryover from a previous year.
- SC 61 (Ashley River Rd) sidewalk connection to Ashley Point Dr sidewalk (TST 2015-17\*).
- Croghan Landing Dr multi-use path connecting the West Ashley Greenway to Savannah Hwy, the Carolina Bay multi-use path, and the Glenn McConnell Pkway (TST 2015-17\*).
   Recently completed.
- Stinson Dr sidewalks (TST 2015-17\*) on both sides of the street, which will connect Savannah Hwy to the West Ashley Greenway.
- West Ashley Bikeway crossing at St. Andrews Blvd is being studied and presented to SCDOT fall 2017.



# INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- Glenn McConnell Pkwy intersection improvements at Bees Ferry Rd (TST 2015-17\*). Left turned lane extended.
- Glenn McConnell at Bairds Cove intersection improvements (TST 2015-17\*).
- US 17 (Savannah Hwy) at Savage Rd intersection improvements (TST 2015-17\*).
- US 17 (Savannah Hwy) at SC 7 (Sam Rittenberg Blvd) (TST 2018\*) will include an extension of the double left turn lanes on US17 north at SC 7 north.
- SC 7 (Sam Rittenberg Blvd) at SC 171 (Old Towne Rd) (TST 2018\*) intersection study.
   Carryover from previous year.
- US 17 (Savannah Hwy) at Main Rd intersection improvements (2016 Half Cent Sales Tax project\*\*). Timeline to be determined.
   SCDOT Federal Rebuild Intersections Project: 2015 US 17 (Savannah Hwy) at Magnolia Rd/Avondale, US 17 at Farmfield Dr and Ashley Hall Rd at Orange Grove Rd.
- SCDOT Federal Rebuild Intersections Project: 2016 US 17 (Savannah Hwy) and Parrish Rd and Glenn McConnell Pkwy.

### CORRIDOR CAPACITY STUDIES/ IMPROVEMENTS

- Glenn McConnell Pkwy widening (2016 Half Cent Sales Tax project\*\*). Timeline TBD.
- Savannah Hwy/Ashley River Bridges/Crosstown congestion study and infrastructure improvements (2016 Half Cent Sales Tax project\*\*). Kick-off meeting for study in fall 2017.
- Savannah Hwy capacity and intersection improvements (2016 Half Cent Sales Tax project\*\*). Timeline TBD.

### SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENTS

- Citywide signalization retiming project. Underway 2017.
- SC 61 (Ashley River Rd) at SC 7 (Sam Rittenberg Blvd).
- I-526 signals Improvement Project. The project is fully funded by SCDOT with the project area along US 17 (Savannah Hwy) from Dobbin Rd to Wesley Dr and along SC 7 (Sam Rittenberg Blvd) from Dupont Rd to US 17 (Savannah Highway).



# **HOUSING**

- The City will build seven (7) new homes in the Maryville/Ashleyville neighborhood as part of the City's workforce/affordable housing Homeownership Initiative. This program assists first-time buyers and Charleston's workforce to purchasing home. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of 2017.
- The City continues ongoing efforts to reach out to a various West Ashely neighborhoods and homeowners that may qualify for home maintenance programs offered by the City such as the Housing Rehabilitation Program, Substantial Rehabilitation Program, Roof Replacement Program and Maintenance Repair Program.
- The City continues to work in partnership with existing and proposed housing developments in West Ashley to provide affordable housing opportunities (workforce, affordable, and senior housing).



# **PLANNING**

- The Citadel Mall redevelopment study, Sam Rittenberg Blvd corridor study, and the West Ashley Strategic Plan were prepared by the Planning Department and Design Division in 2014-2015. These documents initiated the revitalization planning efforts in West Ashley and helped identify the need for a West Ashley master plan.
- The Dupont Wappoo Community Plan (2015) recommendations are being implemented: zoning revisions, permitted use revisions, design standards, open space improvements, business recruitment, West Ashely Greenway/Bikeway connection, and others.
- The Plan West Ashley master plan in is process and a draft report will be available for review by the West Ashley Revitalization Commission and the community fall 2017.



# COMMUNITY & CULTURAL EVENTS

- The West Ashley Farmers Market launched fall 2016. The 2017 market expanded its season to include spring, summer and fall seasons. Planning for 2018 is underway.
- Piccolo Spoleto expanded into with West Ashley the last few Spoleto seasons. Poetry and MOJA community related events are coordinated with the West Ashley Farmers Market.

\*\*2016 Charleston County Half Cent Sales Tax Referendum Funded Projects. These large and regionally important projects were itemized in the referendum. Timeline to be determined.

<sup>\*</sup> Transportation Sales Tax Allocation Funding for Fiscal Year 2015-2018. Projects are prioritized and requested by the City of Charleston, reviewed and approved by Charleston County, funded through the half sales tax, and constructed by Charleston County. 2015-2017 projects have already been funded and are generally either under construction or completed. 2018 funded projects will require design and construction and will take approximately 6 months – 3 years to be completed.